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Errico et al.

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For: AXIALLY COMPRESSIBLE ARTIFICIAL :  
INTERVERTEBRAL DISC HAVING :  
LIMITED ROTATION USING A :  
CAPTURED BALL AND SOCKET JOINT :  
WITH A SOLID BALL AND RETAINING :  
CAP :

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**AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.312**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Communication mailed September 5, 2006, applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.